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Report on the activities of Egypt to standardize geographical names

Summary**

In accordance with resolution I/4 of the First United Nations Conference of the Standardization of Geographical Names, concerning national standardization, the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics has worked with the relevant ministries and Government administrative bodies to compile, verify and standardize Egyptian place names in the 2017 census of inhabitants, buildings and facilities.

Egypt has participated in the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names in preparing a report on the strengthening of relations between the Group and the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, and in translating the resolutions of the ten United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names. Egypt has also participated in the work of the technical committees of the Arab Division of Experts on Geographical Names to compile the names of the major Arab cities, tackle problems with the standardized Arabic Romanization system and prepare guidelines on Arabic technical terms. Egypt has been an effective participant in the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, the meetings of the permanent committee of the International Geographical Union and the International Cartographic Association, the Task Team for Africa and the meetings of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, the Arab Division of Experts on Geographical Names and the International Geographical Union.

With regard to the publication of geographical names and related research, the Ministry of Local Development has published a 2016 guide on local units in Egypt. The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics has published a guide on

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the names of rural settlements and dependencies of villages. The Agency has also launched the first template of the Egypt Geographical Portal on the Internet and the geographical and information maps of Egypt. These include research regarding the geographical names of the administrative units of Egypt at the three levels, namely governorates, centres/departments and hamlets/villages/towns, alongside the names of landmarks gathered for the 2017 Egypt census. The publications include colour maps of data and statistical indicators. Egypt has also cooperated in producing United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names Information Bulletin No. 50, which addresses the practice of the use of exonyms in Egypt.